

SOME FALL FASHIONS.

NEW AND NOVEL COSTUMES TO BE WORN THIS AUTUMN.

Pointers For Autumn—Dresses From Three Fashionable Trousseau—Seen at a Tennis Match—Fresh Notes From the Busy World of Clothes.

George Eliot talks of the facility with which mortals escape knowledge. This has especial application to knowledge of gowns. There are wild and conflicting stories afloat of things we are to see this autumn, but here are a few of the things that may really be depended upon:

Waists will be shorter, but not definitely short for some time.

Paniers will be seen more frequently.

The bustle will be worn again and very



WATCHING THE SUNSET.

generally, but will be, for the present, of very modest size.

The widening of the skirt at the bottom does not mean hoop skirts. At least not yet a while.

Sleeves will remain full at the top, and will be drawn in tight from the elbow.

The corselet bodice will be worn very generally.

The Louis coat will go out and then the short jacket resume its interrupted popularity.

Hats will continue flat, but will restrain their ambition within less expensive brims.

Two trousseaus of very considerable pretensions have been finished this week, together with some dresses for a bride, and an inspection of these smart bridal wardrobes gives one a fairly clear idea of what people are wearing and are likely to wear.

One of the most interesting of these new toilets is figured, and is a pale fawn-colored silk, with a long plain skirt and a long lace jacket of exquisite Malines lace fastened with broad pink ribbons. The jacket is of an extremely graceful cut, and the colors have been proved over and again most becoming to their wearer's pale dark beauty.

Two other costumes, one for immediate wear and one suitable for October, cannot escape, while I am talking of this trousseau, two or three words of mention. The dress for September is in fawn color and pink, like the afternoon gown just described. The material is batiste studded with large pink waters, and trimmed with pink ribbons. There is a simple little guimpe in white crepon cloth, and white bands on skirt and sleeve and belt. The hat which goes with it is of black lattice work lined with fawn, and trimmed with pink plumes.

The autumn walking dress shown beside it was shown from among something like 120 plaid designs sent for the prospective bride's consideration. The colors are fawn and rich chestnut brown with single threads of gold and dark blue. The skirt is of plain fawn colored cloth, and the pointed vest set into the bodice is of fawn color also. The young lady is wise enough, as you will have seen when you have read thus far, to stand loyally by any color that has proved its worth sufficiently to be admitted within the ranks of trusted friends.

Pretty bathing suits that have been "making conquests" this summer are being put away for another year. There are numbers of people still at the seaside, but it is getting too cold now to plunge right in the water, and it is likewise too cold for wading, if a woman has proper regard for her health. But then, you know that a woman never considers her health until it is too late, and there are all sorts of dreadful how-ows to pay.

It was really pitiful to see so many pretty girls go wading when the water is ever so far below the temperature, which it ought to be for a woman to put her feet



TOO COLD FOR A PLUNGE.

in it. Next year the girl who has indulged in that favored little pastime this year, will have lost some of her buoyancy of manner and elasticity of step. But now she looks very pretty as she steps from stone to stone with a masculine effort to keep her from falling, and ventures, little by little, in the water, until it comes over her white feet and covers her delicate ankles. Wading has been popular all summer, and now it is even more so.

In one of the other trousseaus was a fawn-colored dress also. The material was crepon lined with fawn silk and edged with a band of light chestnut-colored velvet em-

brodered with bronze beads. The corselet had a corselet of rather curious shape, like the Swiss belt in form but somewhat wider, and, instead of finishing in a point in the middle of the front, having the velvet carried up in a gradually narrowing triangle to meet the velvet collar band. This arrangement was very novel and striking, though not to be recommended generally, and the sleeves had curious cuffs of a similar design that were really corselets in miniature. The points were carried up far above the elbows, and at the top an ostensible reason was given for their elongation in that they were allowed to secure two or three highly draped folds of the crepon.

In a week of going and coming it has been my luck to note a number of interesting things. At a hotel contested tennis match yesterday I marked a pale drab wool dress draped over silk of a more reddish shade and worn with fichu pale blue.

There was also a pretty and fresh a summer dress as I have seen since the advent of green leaves, being a cream-colored print with pattern of clouded roses and made with puffed sleeves tied at intervals with rosette of pink ribbon.

None of these costumes, you understand, did anything more than clasp hands. They were not dresses to play. Neither was a pale blue bengaline trimmed with silver, nor a gray corduroy cloth with lemon-colored chiffon fichu and hat in gray and lemon, nor a white serge with broad band of blue and white checked silk and bodies of the same plaid, drawn down in handkerchief folds in front and trimmed with narrow silver galloon.

Nor yet was an Eton blue corduroy, arranged with a long open coat, tabbed all around and edged with a blue and silver cord.

The girls who played could have been divided into two types as to clothes. There were the severely masculine girls with high linen collars with cutting edges, broad expanse of shirt bosom, smart severe coats with pockets that could and did put their hands into, and stiff little sailor hats bound about with ribbon. There were also the girls who wore loose spotted silk blouses with funny little jackets with double skirts under their elbows. These girls were much prettier to look at, and without any doubt they were also the more comfortable. There are divers and several penalties to pay for the privilege of putting on poor imitations of masculine clothing.

The paragraph just finished is not to be construed as expressing approval of the funny little skirts under the funny little jacket elbows. They are not in the least pretty; on the contrary, they are decidedly awkward, but the stiff collars and shirts of the other garb are worse than any possible alternative.

I have seen one or two of the first hats of the autumn season. One is a black felt with a single spray of dark red roses laid about the crown. Another is in pale gray felt with bands of dark gray and pale pink velvet and clusters of gray wings. A third is a white felt with black velvet rosettes and heavy white plumes.

ELLEN OSBORN.

FOR AUTUMN EVENINGS.

The Disguises Worn at a Fashionable Mask Ball.

As the summer begins to draw to a close, and there is a faint suggestion of autumn evenings, it is becoming the popular thing to indulge in masked balls by way of evening amusements.

The fad is not an uncommon thing at either Newport, Saratoga, or at Narragansett, to receive an invitation on the new shade of delicately tinted violet paper, requesting you to come in mask for an evening frolic.

The hostess upon these occasions receives without a mask, and dons one immediately



AN ACCOMMODATING MASK.

the last guest has arrived. Under such circumstances as these no one is greatly deceived as to who wears the mask, and no very distressing complications occur.

You have been to the ordinary mask party of course, and so you have an idea of what such an affair is. But you cannot understand the full glory of a Newport or a Saratoga mask party, unless you have really been there to see one. Gowns are specially made for the occasion. They are usually of the light and delicate India silk, which is such a summer favorite, and they are provided with hoods with peaked crowns, which extend over the head and forehead in a way which suggest the witches of old.

The mask—and here is the funny thing about it—does not conceal the features beyond recognition—it is just sufficiently large to extend in a strip across the face, covering the nose, the temples, and half of the forehead. Holes for the eyes are made so large that glances can be shot from the inside of a mask with quite as telling an effect as though that article were not worn. The mask is of the same material as the gown, and if the wearer is a woman of taste she will take care to select a hue that is becoming to her.

The Biggest Nugget in the World.

The Welcome Stranger, discovered February 5th, 1869, is recorded as being the heaviest and most valuable nugget in the world. John Deason and Richard Oats, two puddlers, found it close to the surface in the neighborhood of Dunolly, and it measured 21 inches in length, and was 10 inches thick. The finders conveyed it to their hut, but in order to get rid of the adherent quartz heated it in the fire before taking it to the bank. The melted gold weighed 2268 ounces odd, 98.66 per cent. of the nugget being pure gold. Its value, including pieces given away, was £9534 at the bank of England.

"ASTRA'S" TALKS WITH GIRLS.

[Correspondents seeking information in this department should address their queries to "Astra," Progress, St. John.]

Do you know girls, the autumn is here? It really is! and the golden summer lingers for a little while, but she will soon bid us farewell, and then you will be summer girls no longer, but will don your tailor made tweeds and cuddle your noses down in your fur coats, and look more utterly fetching than ever, unless the said noses are addicted to getting red at the tip, mine is I know, and there is nothing in the world so difficult, as to look truly piquante, when your nose is so red that you can see it a long way off yourself. Geoffrey says the extreme redness of my nasal organ in winter is really a valuable study in natural phenomena. I only wish his got red too, but it doesn't, and so, of course, he feels free to deride me. I suppose you will soon be coming back from your holiday jaunts now, and wanting to get the tan and freckles off your faces in time to prepare for the autumn festivities. Fortunately I published a lot of recipes a short time ago, so you will find them waiting for you when you come home.

ELLA BLANCHE FIELDING, no address. —I wonder if I would be safe in assuming that you came from nowhere, Ella? I am not easily puzzled, but I confess that your letter is just a little beyond me, and I am in doubt as to whether you are trying to make a fool of me, or merely more than ordinarily ignorant of the world and its ways. And yet I find it impossible to believe that anyone, even a child, could be silly enough to ask in good faith if "cows fur" was valuable, even "black cows." It would be quite as sensible to ask me if pigs' fur was generally used. If you have ever seen a cow—which I begin to doubt—you must know that they don't as a usual thing wear fur, and that their skin is only valuable to make into cowhide boots. So, you see, if you meant to be witty, you should have chosen some other subject. As for the number of skunk skins required to make a set of skunk furs, I am naturally ignorant on that point, as I never had the pleasure of skinning one of those too fragrant little animals, neither did I ever learn the furrier's trade. I dare say if you wrote to Everett or Magee here they could give you the requisite information. Good butter ranges in price from 22 to 24 cents a pound, and I fancy eggs would bring fifteen or sixteen cents a dozen. Can it be possible that you are serious in asking me to sell your butter and eggs for you? If so, you must indeed think that the uses to which a newspaper woman can be put are many and various. We have an excellent market here, but surely you do not imagine that the office of Progress is a branch of the most convenient institution, nor yet that I could undertake to sell farm produce from house to house and buy your winter wardrobe and some jewelry with the proceeds. If that was part of my work, I am sure I should strike for an increase of salary at once. I think silver would be the most becoming, but jewelry of all kinds has gone very much out of fashion. I do not know whether sulphur is good for cows or not. Lemon juice is good for freckles.

HYPATIA, St. John.—I feel very diffident about answering any question asked by so learned a lady as Hypatia, but I will do my best. Do you know that it would be almost impossible for me to give you any advice about the formation of your literary society, when I am utterly unacquainted with any of the members elected, and therefore have no opportunity of judging in what direction their various tastes tend? Nothing is more difficult than to plan out a course of reading, or study, for a number of utterly unknown people. All I can tell you is this: That I once belonged to a literary society which boasted of some very clever people as members; their ages ranged from sixteen to 40, and they, like yourselves, lacked sufficient time to take up very deep subjects, so the first winter we took up the writings of the poet Chaucer, which opened up a very wide field of study in English literature, and a most interesting and improving study we found it, almost an education of itself. I do not know whether this very meagre suggestion will be of any use to you or not, but I hope it may, and I shall be glad to hear how you get on.

DOLLY, St. John.—Thank you very much for your appreciative words, and also for the love to my other half; I will give it to him in all sincerity. Do you know that someone was unkind enough to suggest the other day that Geoffrey was the pup, and I was only pretending that he was my husband? I haven't seen Geoffrey so angry since he made the garden; he said as soon as he could get the blooming pup to sit still long enough, he would take a photograph of him and send it to the office to be published at the head of this column. He also said that he was expecting to hear some one ask if I was not the cat myself, and then Geoff and I did not speak for the rest of the day. (1) It is really a little difficult to assign its proper place to the tea gown, but I think the best time to wear it would be of an afternoon, when you do not intend going out. If your hostess has a reception day, that would be a golden opportunity, and it would be very appropriate; you might wear it as a morning dress sometimes, if it is not too handsome; if it is, you can wear it for an evening at home. (2) It would be quite proper for the young lady to go with her brother, but very nice if they could both go with some married people, in the sort of party one often sees made up amongst friends who are going to a ball. (3) The meaning I take from the word "flirt" is a person who is constantly trying to attract the attention and win the affections of the opposite sex without really meaning anything. A flirt is a sort of professional heart-breaker of either sex.

BLANCHE, Carleton.—I am not sure that I understand your question aright, but if I do, the solar system is the science or system of the sun's construction, peculiarities, and influence over the earth. The lunar system is a similar science applied to the moon. The lines are very good, so good as to almost atone for their impertinence. To the Moncton lady referred to should feel highly honored, unless it was that the exigencies of rhyme compelled you to be so very flattering. Would not swell have made as good a rhyme, if not a better one?

ROBIN, St. John.—I really believe you are an odd little bird, Robin. I wonder if

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